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# CLUB WELCOME

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This week we welcome the players, officials, and supporters of Rockdale Ilinden FC to WIN Stadium for our round 18 fixture in the NPL competition.

Another week, another draw. The last four weeks has seen the Wolves record four draws against top of the table opposition (Sydney FC 3-3, Sydney Olympic 1-1, Apia Leichhardt 2-2 and Manly 1-1). The boys have demonstrated courage and determination to stay in games to the very end. Last week against Manly, the boys played extremely well in the first half and scored just before half time to take a 1-0 lead into the break. Unfortunately, we conceded a scrappy goal from a corner in the second half which made it 1-1. The boys fought hard after the Manly goal but could not score to secure the 3 points.

The Wolves still sit in 9th position on the ladder with 18 points and remain 12 points out of the top five. This Friday's game against Rockdale Ilinden FC is important as the Wolves still have a mathematical chance of making finals.

Our under 20's have been outstanding this season and currently sit inside the top five. The 20's will take a lot of confidence from the win against Manly last week and will need another win this week against Rockdale Ilinden to stay in touch with the leaders. Please arrive early and support our 20's team.

The club wants to acknowledge and thank each and every one of our wonderful and loyal sponsors. Without their support, the club does not exist. I also want to acknowledge and thank our wonderful volunteers who turn up at every home game and carry out their roles with a minimum of fuss.

Good luck to both teams and hope you enjoy the match. I look forward to seeing you throughout the second half of the season. "C'mon you Wolves".

Strebre Delovski  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wollongong Wolves FC



# MATCH PREVIEW

## UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

### THE MEETINGS OF WOLLONGONG WOLVES AND ROCKDALE ILINDEN.

The Wollongong Wolves and Rockdale Ilinden have met on twenty-seven occasions since 1987, with the initial encounter being in Round 2 resulting in a 3-2 victory to the Wolves. Goals at the time were scored by Pat Brodnik, Jock Morlando from the penalty spot and Randall Easthorpe for the Wolves, together with Paul Darlington and Pat Rodas for Rockdale.

In the last meeting in 2022 it was a 2-1 victory to Rockdale with Alec Urosevski with a brace and one to Joshua Macdonald.

All told, there been a total of seventy-three goals scored with thirty-nine to Rockdale and thirty-four to the Wolves with Wolves having seven nil scores to Rockdale's six up to the time of writing. The goal per game ratio is 1.44 (RI) and 1.25 (WW).

Multiple scorers in a single match have been Alec Urosevski (RI) Fabien Iacovelli (WW), Yuzo Tashiro (WW), Tomoki Wada (RI), Alex Canak x2 and Jordan Murray (WW), all with a brace.

The highest tally of goals by one player from each side has been seven and that was achieved by Alec Urosevski (RI). The best for the Wolves was four, with Peter Simonoski sharing this high tally accolade.

The quickest scoring goal was in the second minute by Nick Taneski (RI) and James Baldacchino (WW) both in 2014 but not in the same match.

Rockdale has attained ten home victories as against the Wolves twelve and the two draws have the identical score line of 1-1.

Fifty eight per cent of Rockdale's goals against the Wolves have been in the second half while fifty-six of the Wollongong goals have been scored in the first half. Most of Wollongong's goals were scored in the 31'-45' time frame while Rockdale's efforts have emanated mostly in the 76'-90+' period.

Most goals in a match has been five, with the Wolves 3-2 in 1987, 4-1 in 2011, and Rockdale's 4-1 in 2018.

All the Wolves scorers have been Patrick Antelmi, James Baldacchino, Randall Easthorpe, 'Quivi' Fowler, Andres Gomez, Paul Harries, Fabien Iacovelli, Thomas James, Nick Littler, Joshua Macdonald, John Martinoski, Sam Matthews, Jock Morlando, Jordan Murray, Chris Nathaniel, Sasho Petrovski, Sean Robertson, Lachlan Reus, Lachlan

Scott, Peter Simonoski, Yuzo Tashiro, and Ricky Zucco, plus an own goal courtesy of Mike Boogard.

Rockdale's goal scorers have been Nick Ailovic, Bai Antoniou, Sam Awad, Denis Bosevski, Jim Bottalico, Alex Canak, Richard Cardozo, Kyle Cimenti, Paul Darlington, Amaury Gauthier, Jonathan Grozdanovski, Stephen Hesketh, Marko Jesic, Mario Musumeci, Pat Rodas, Patrick Savor, Nick Taneski, Hristijan Tanoski, Sash Trajcevski, Shay Spitz, Alec Urosevski and Tomoki Wada.

The Wolves and Rockdale's previous meetings have been put 'under the microscope' to give an insight into the circumstances of this history.

*By Malcolm Rowney*



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## MORE THAN ONE

These are the Wolves players who have scored 'more than one' goal in the cup competitions since the 2004/05 season with exclusion of the top five, Daniel Aliffi, Stefan Dimoski, Mark Picciolini, Ricky Zucco and Peter Simonoski, (who have been the subject of a previous article 'On The Top') the remaining cup scorers' deeds in this competition will be acknowledged.

Other than the top five of cup scorers' tallies of five, six, seven, nine and eleven goals, the tally of four goals was next in line with Bradley Welch earning the plaudits. A hat trick was garnered in 2015 versus Yagoona FC before another in an earlier Mt.Druitt Town Rangers match, with both of these games being away from home.

Also sharing a four goal tally is Lachlan Scott with two each year in 2021 and 2022. In the 2002 Round 6 Australia Cup fixture against Lndfield FC, Scott scored a brace. In the seventh minute, he headed in a Banri Kaniazumi cross. In the final two minutes he brought up his brace with a fine effort. In the previous year, he scored in the Round Of 32 versus Mount Druitt Town Rangers when Leroy Jennings held up the ball before slipping it to Scott. His subsequent left footed drive went to the left of the diving custodian. In the Round of 16, he converted a penalty kick after Nick Littler was inconvenienced in the box by the Central Coast Mariners' custodian, who was then sent off.

In 2022, Nicholas Duarte scored a hat trick against Western Rage in Round 4 of the Australia Cup. His first goal came from the penalty spot after he was inconvenienced as he charged into the Rage box. He powered his spot kick home after fourteen minutes.

A thirteenth minute goal was struck in the Mt. Druitt Town Rangers 2015 Round 3 Cup match that went into extra time with Darcy Madden instigating this deed. He followed suit with another, three years later versus Kellyville Kolts. With minutes left on the before the final whistle, Madden added his team's goal with panache. He indeed scored again in the 2022 Australia Cup Round 7 tie with NWS Spirit at Christie Park. He achieved in the fifty-first minute.

Joshua Macdonald in 2022 scored three cup goals. He scored in the fifty-sixth minute of the Round 5

Waverley Old Boys clash of the Australia Cup and a brace versus Lindfield FC in Round 6. From an enterprising Banri Kanaizumi cross from the left went to the far post and Macdonald was positioned to slot home. For his second of this encounter, Macdonald took the spot kick after Kuot Maliet was hampered in the box. Macdonald's right-footed powerful effort zoomed into the goal.

It was in the first season post NSL (2004/05) that Tynan Diaz in the early stages of his career scored a brace against St. George in a quarterfinal match-up. Diaz had scored his first one before Peter Gaffney moved progressively into the Saints territory before laying off the ball to Diaz. On control of the pass, he turned a defender before lifted the ball over the custodian's head in to the Saints domain.

Another scorer in the St. George FC Quarter Final was midfield player Adam Hughes. From outside the area he struck, with the ball being deflected by the custodian onto the cross bar. However, the ball rebounded to hit the custodian on the back before rolling into the goal. In the prior Parramatta FC fixture, Hughes achieved in the fiftieth minute. Nick Stavroulakis had gained ground before moving the ball onto Shane McGirr. He confused the defence with an adroit back heel that went directly to Hughes. His ensuing effort flew past the custodian to bulge the back of the net

Three players score a brace each in the 2019 Round 3 Coledale Waves on the artificial turf at Ian McLennan Oval. Kenyan born striker Bul Juach scored the final two goals of the eleven hit that night. For the eleventh strike Stefan Dimoski had charged into the box before the laying a pass on a plate for Juach. He gratefully received the ball to slot home in easy fashion. Prior, a headed ball found the nimble striker. He outpaced a marker and from inside the box he produced a left footed shot that flew inside the far post.

Strikers Jordan Nikolovski garnered goals numbered two and five and Tory Musumeci added goals three and four in team's goal haul. James Stojcevski 's free kick caused a flurry in the Waves' defence with Nikolovski meeting the ball to sweep it into the goal from his position inside the penalty area. For his brace, Juach made a ground breaking run down

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the left, nearly losing his footing under a tackle. However, he recovered to slip the ball to Nikolovski. He in turn pushed the ball over the line with a marker in tow. Musumeci scored his two goals in a six minute period. He received a Juach pass before moving towards the goal being shadowed by a defender. Near the goal area lone he struck with his right foot and the chance was converted. Playmaker Stojcevski split the defence before moving the ball to Juach. He in turn passed to Musumeci close to the penalty arc. Bringing the ball under control, he powered his effort to get through to the 'keeper's domain.

A brace was scored in the Parramatta 2011 Quarter Final with Samet Kaynak being the goal achiever. In the twenty-fourth minute, influential Andres Gomez progressed down the right side, culminating in a targeted cross to Kaynak, positioned near the far post. On controlling the ball, the striker produced a well-intentioned shot that flew past the Eagles' goalkeeper. For his brace, Gomez was involved prior to Mark Piccoilini's defence splitting pass. Kaynak found himself in space with the custodian coming off his line. He got a touch of the ball when he got to Kaynak. However, it was strong enough, allowing the striker to re-connect to send the ball thundering into the Eagles' domain.

Hawkesbury City FC provided the Round 4 opposition for the Wolves first appearance in the Cup in 2011. Cameron Littler scored two well-taken goals, which was half of the Wolves' total in this encounter.

Another brace was achieved and this eventuated in the Round 6 Yagoona FC match in 2015. Striker Jordan Murray attained this deed with precision and speed and skill to assist his team in progressing to the next round.

An additional scorer in the Yagoona FC game was Chris Price who was one of six scorers. His earlier cup strike was in 2007 Greenisland meeting. Daniel Pisani was barrelled over in the box and a spot kick ensued. Wayne Heath was the penalty taker but his attempt rebounded off the custodian to hit the cross bar. Price reacted quickly to pounce on the errant ball and power it in.

The midfield player, Tayfun Buyyukopru attained

against the same club in 2010 and 2011. Bankstown City Lions was that club and in his second season, Buyyukopru goaled on one hundred and sixteen minutes in extra time. He had joined the club again in the previous week prior to this game. It was his free kick that bounced before the 'keeper and ending up in the goal. In the previous season, Buyyukopru hit home on forty-five minutes for the only strike in the match.

A player who had only one season with the club scored two in the 2004/05 cup campaign. Michael Clare's free kick was swung in with Michael Prentice rushed in to connect with a header to project the ball into the Parramatta Eagles' domain. He scored his second in the following round versus Blacktown City hitting his effort in the eleventh minute to breach the defence, his team's third strike.

Also scoring the identical matches as Prentice was Shane McGirr. Nick Stavroulakis' corner kick traversed with McGirr making contact to slot home three minutes after the half hour. The ace striker connected with Craig Morton's cross to give his side the advantage.

In the 2007 Cup Final, Nigerian striker, Osagie Ederaro, achieved the Wolves' third goal. A Diaz cross was met by Chris Price. The keeper prevented Price's subsequent targeted endeavour from entering the Manly domain. However, he could not hold the ball and Ederaro rushed in to score the winner. Prior, a quarter of an hour in, he breached the Parramatta goal with his attempt on goal on this day.

With victories being hard to come by in the league with only one, the team garnered two victories in the 2009 cup with the top scorer, achieving in both the Sydney Wanderers and Sydney Tigers matches. Ilija Prenzoski attained these honours to share the highest tally of goals in the season's cup run.

Another player also attained in the 2009 Sydney Wanderers game and that was midfield player Keiran Deane with his second goal coming in the extra time defeat by Penrith-Nepean United.

Youngster Corey Gameiro threaded the ball into Matthew Bailey's path before his powerful effort zoomed to the left of the custodian over the line

for his initial cup goal in 2008. Six years later, the intrepid midfielder achieved his second of his cup spoils. In extra time in the Sutherland Sharks match both teams scored goals and Bailey's strike from the spot was the equalizer scored late on one hundred minutes to send the game into a penalty shoot out. The penalty kick emanated following Darcy Madden being inconvenienced, being brought to ground.

It was in 2007 when a former A-League player from the Central Coast Mariners scored a duo of cup goals. Scots striker, Stewart Petrie netted in the Fraser Park fixture when after previous assistance play from Tynan Diaz and Ballamodou Conde, Petrie goaled from the left side driving a left footed attempt that eluded the 'keeper. Versus Dandaloo, a Steve Hayes shot stung the hands of the custodian and with the ball running free, Petrie seized upon it to direct the ball home with a good measure of force.

Englishman Thomas James scored a late brace in the FFA Cup Round 6 Dee Why RSL FC encounter to first equalize and then hit the winner moments before extra time was in the offing after entering the field as a replacement. Being positioned on the penalty area boundary and with a defender sniping at his

heels, the striker managed to powerfully strike the ball home. For his second, Harry Callahan took a free kick in quick time. The ball sailed diagonally over to where James was positioned on the right side. He subsequently connected with the ball first time, projecting into the goal inside the near post.

In a Cup game against Blacktown City in the 2004/05 season, the Wolves emerged victors by four goals to two. Midfielder Michael Clare was on hand to score a brace. After he had won a free kick, he took it and sent the ball into the goal. He scored his team's fourth goal steering the ball past the custodian.

'More than one' goal in the cup has been scored and once more these achievers are the listed. They are Matthew Bailey, Tayfun Buyukopru, Michael Clare, Keiran Deane, Tynan Diaz, Nicholas Duarte, Osagie Ederaro, Adam Hughes, Thomas James, Bul Juach, Samet Kaynak, Cameron Littler, Darcy Madden, Joshua Macdonald, Shane McGirr, Jordan Murray, Tory Musumeci, Jordan Nikolovski, Michael Prentice, Ilija Prenzoski, Chris Price, Stewart Petrie, Lachlan Scott and Bradley Welch.

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## HAPPENINGS TEN TIMES YEARS AGO - 2012

Coached by Trevor Morgan for the third year in succession, the team finished in 10th and 7th positions in the two previous seasons respectively. With this 2012 season, further improvements in the standings would be expected.

The Round 1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles clash was played at the home ground, John Crehan Park in Cringila and the initial line-up was Daniel Collison (GK), Jack Keating, Joseph Savor, Jacob Timpano (Capt.), Michael Robison, Nick Littler, Chris Nathaniel, Mark Picciolini, John Martinoski, Cameron Littler and Sean Robertson. Joseph Lavalle, Peter Simonoski and Fabian Iacovelli replaced Savor, Littler and Robertson. It was a stalemate in the first half with Robinson and Timpano repelling attacking forays in equal measure from the opposition. However, Bonnyrigg nearly scored when their attacker had only Collison to beat but put the ball wide after thirty-four seconds. By contrast five goals were achieved in the second half. Collison was adjudged to have inconvenienced a striker and a penalty kick was subsequently converted. The Wolves received one also when Picciolini was knocked overt. He converted the spot kick in the sixty-second minute. However, Bonnyrigg had their second penalty conversion after Timpano bothered a striker. The Wolves restored parity after Simonoski flew down the left to then centre a low cross. Martinoski got onto the end of it to project the ball home. A minute later, Bonnyrigg scored the winner with their striker achieving a hat trick. Morgan - 'When you give two penalties away, you make it hard for yourselves and they are our mistakes'. Robinson - 'a very disappointing result especially a bit of a lapse in concentration to concede the third goal. ... I was pleased with my performance... Our 'keeper Daniel Collison had a great game.'

The second was also a home with Manly United being the opponents. The Wolves got off to a good early start with a goal after seven minutes. A Nick Littler cross came in from the left with the custodian palming the ball away. With an ounce of luck, the ball fell to Sasho Petrovski in a central position and his header was projected into the goal. Simonoski doubled the score on fourteen minutes. Robertson ran down the left before sending in. Simonoski hit the ball straight into the goal. Morgan - 'A bit of luck

helps. Collison - 'The boys were fantastic tonight.... I had a reasonable game. It is always good to get a clean sheet.

Rockdale was the next game and it was another home game. The first half was a struggle as each team tried to gain the ascendancy but all in vain. End to end play failed to gain traction until the second stanza. It took until the seventy-third minute when N. Littler from twenty-five metres out, let loose a powerful drive that zoomed into the goal. With three minutes left on the clock, Iacovelli he rushed in to slot home and two minutes later achieved a brace when scored again after Picciolini provided an assist.

Away for the first time, Sydney United 58 was the hurdle to overcome and this was attained. Petrovski floated the ball into the box and it was flicked to the far edge of the box where Timpano was positioned. He in turn pushed the ball back to Robinson who proceeded to ram the ball home on thirty-five minutes. At the break, the Wolves were winning 1-0. United restored parity in the sixth-fourth minute and they then produced many attacks to keep the Wolves at bay. United thought they had the winner but it overturned due to the offside flag. However, the Wolves produced a winner when Simonoski in time added on when he turned on the border of the penalty area and rifled the ball into the net.

Blacktown Spartans was the next port of call with Lee Gilroy making a debut for the Wolves. A 0-0 first half set the scene for the second half and the Wolves went ahead on forty-eight minutes through Cameron Littler. Keating had made a ground breaking run down the left after he had swapped wings. He subsequently passed to Nathaniel. He then cut the ball to Littler who projected the ball past the custodian into their domain. Six minutes later the home team at Crehan Park struck again. Petrovski's corner kick was flighted to where Simonoski was positioned. The custodian touched his low drive but he could not alter the ball's trajectory. The Spartans got one back with a header. Stand in coach Richard Lloyd - 'It was a hard fought win and we got there in the end. Nil all at a half time before going to a two goal lead and I thought here go, we were playing well but then Blacktown came back.' Samuel Jacob - 'I unfortunately picked up a few knocks but my role

in the team is to put myself about.'

A Waratah Cup game was the next assignment and in a hard fought encounter, the Wolves ran out narrow winners by 1-0 courtesy of Picciolini, in this Northern Tigers Round 3 clash. Morgan – The Tigers are going well in their league...Four of our first players were out tonight and I am glad the youth could come in get some experience out of it. . We were markedly improved in the first twenty minutes of the second half.' Youth player and defender Godfrey Franco –'I enjoyed the game. I was pretty nervous at the beginning, but the boys at the back were talking me through.'

Round 6 against Marconi saw seven goals in total being scored. After just three minutes Marconi goaled. Seven minutes later, Nathaniel located an unmarked Simonoski and slotted his diagonal shot home. Picciolini headed in a Simonoski cross from the corner of Marconi Stadium. Two minutes Marconi struck again with their striker bringing up his brace. Marconi went to the lead again with six minutes to go before the break. Marconi scored their fourth goal on seventy-minutes to shore up the victory, though the Wolves reduced the arrears with Picciolini's penalty kick conversion after he was interfered with by the on rushing custodian. Picciolini looked to score a last minute equalizer but the custodian produced a double save. Matthew Floro made his debut from the bench.

With Parramatta in the next round ending up in a two all draw with Simonoski and Picciolini achieving. Simonoski scored in the eighteenth minute producing a powerful shot that cannoned off the underside of the cross bar to then bounce over the line. Parramatta equalized immediately prior to half time before the Wolves hit the lead again through Picciolini's header. Morgan – 'It was a difficult game to play... There are lessons for us. They chose to play a back five to nullify our front three, but we could have spliced them at other times.' Timpano – 'I knew it would be tough... They are at the bottom and had nothing to lose, but I thought we should have won the game.'

The Wolves bounced back to victory in Round 8 after accounting for Sydney Olympic 2-1. Picciolini headed home a Nathaniel cross. Four minutes

later on twenty minutes, Olympic equalized. Prior, Timpano had cleared off the line to save a goal attempt. Two minutes before half time, Petrovski headed Samuel's free kick home.

A 2-1 defeat by Blacktown City had Picciolini with a penalty conversion after Simonoski was inconvenienced seven minutes in. However, Blacktown scored one and an own goal got Blacktown into the winner's circle. Morgan –'A little bit of pressure from them and we make a mistake.' Keating –'I think we were the better team tonight, especially in the first half. We were all over them with many chances.... We need to keep the ball rolling, tonight is a minor setback but we will bounce back.'

Five goals were scored in the APIA Leichhardt game. APIA scored after three minutes and got another early in the second half. However, the Wolves had a spot kick, which Picciolini took. The custodian saved the attempt but could not grasp. The ball fell to Petrovski and he made no mistake. Picciolini latched onto Nathaniel's cross to power in before Simonoski turned the ball into the goal following the assistance of Petrovski' and C. Littler. Morgan – 'We were not switched on at the start. But I was pleased with the great goals.' Petrovski – It was an unbelievable effort. ..Everyone chipped in.... Everyone produced something special tonight.' Simonoski- 'I'm glad it went in. We fought hard to come back.' APIA's Danial Cummins - 'It is disappointing to be up by two and lose.'

In Round 11 and the halfway point in the competition, Sutherland Sharks put four past the Wolves with nil in reply.

Round 13 was the next mission as the Round 14 fixture was postponed. Away to Manly United, the Wolves won 2-0. Robertson slotted home from close vicinity after good lead-up work by Petrovski and Martinoski with six minutes remaining. Four minutes later, Robertson turned provider as Petrovski powered home. Away against Rockdale in Round 14, Ricky Zucco scored his initial goal in his second match. A Martinoski cross from the right and Timpano with a header threw Rockdale for a loop. The ball was somewhat cleared with Zucco latching onto the ball at the far post to scramble it in through a sea of legs. Unfortunately Robertson



was injured and went to hospital in an ambulance following the proceedings. Morgan- 'we found it hard trying to get our rhythm today. We played on the counter attack, which I did not like. I like us to hold up the ball and play a bit more.' Timpano- 'they are a physical side and the surface did not suit our passing game. It was a bit bumpy. Keating -'It was good to get the three points. We did well.'

The Waratah Cup away match with Bankstown Lions concluded with a 0-2 loss.

In the postponed Round 12 fixture, Bonnyrigg White Eagles did the double defeating the Wolves once again, 3-1 this time with Ricky Zucco converting his spot kick after Petrovski had run onto slick Nathaniel pass only to be brought down by the custodian. Zucco's conversion equalized in the second half but the White Eagles scored with two later efforts.

A nine-goal thriller eventuated in the Round 15 Sydney United sojourn. Zucco got the ball rolling with his delicate chip over the custodian bouncing before entering the goal in the eighth minute. Two minutes later, Jacob from narrowly outside the box let fly with his effort zooming into the goal with Simonoski adding the third, a scorching shot from the right of centre. From twenty metres out, Robinson rifled his shot home following Petrovski's corner kick to produce a 4-0 score line. However,



with a last minute throw of the dice, Sydney United scored immediately prior to half time. Another goal got the away team back in contention until Zucco achieved his hat trick. His second strike was an audacious looping shot over the custodian's head into the goal with his third he was one on one with the custodian, rounding him to push the ball into the empty net. A Sydney United effort goal attempt whacked into the post. Morgan - 'At 2-0 we were a bit too casual... we have to improve our defending, our composure.' Zucco -' It happens when you are enjoying your football. It was end to end stuff and nine goals in a game is a pretty entertaining game.' Durose - on his starting debut - ' It was very exciting... Obviously I was very nervous and excited at the same time but I tried to do my best and help out the lads... it was a great result.' Sydney United's Steve Hayes - 'It was a slow start for us. But silly mistakes at the back did not help us.... I'm not blaming our defenders as everyone in the team has to defend as well as attack.'

The Wolves defeated Blacktown Spartans 4-1 away with braces to Simonoski and Zucco. Simonoski crashed his shot off the underside of the bar four minutes in after a tantalizing cross emanated from the left. Zucco powered his attempt in following a corner kick. Martinoski robbed the ball off a Spartan before squaring to Simonoski who was on his Pat Malone in the twenty-ninth minute. Simonoski subsequently scored. A through ball over the defence allowed Zucco to beat the custodian with his effort, twenty-one minutes before the conclusion of proceeding

With a second versus third placed teams Marconi and the Wolves meeting it promised to be a tight Round 17 match. Indeed it was with a single goal determining the outcome. In the forty-second minute, Zucco made an enterprising run down the right before sending in a pass for Picciolini. At the far post, the striker managed to slot the ball home in a crowded goal area. Morgan- 'Marconi were exceptional with a lot of great ideas.... I'd like us to score more goals. Credit to our 'keeper and with some scrambling defence. GK Collision -'It was a busy night for me...they pressed us pretty high. We were not at our best but to come away with a 1-0 result against a quality team was fantastic for the club.' Marconi captain Nahuel Arrarte -' Unfortunately, it was one of those games and we were on the losing end. But full credit to the Wolves.

They took their chance.... I was proud of our boys.'

Paramatta FC at their home pulled off a 4-1 victory in Round 18, Sydney Olympic won 1-0 at Crehan Park and Blacktown City at their home won 4-0 in Round 20. The Parramatta custodian parried Picciolini's shot straight back, with the striker having a second bite of the cherry to bury it this time. Following the Sydney Olympic loss, Morgan stated –'definitely a hard ask. I guess we need these hard games for the boys to mature. It was a tough game when it was important to win.'

APIA was the penultimate encounter and it was a 3-1 to the team from Lambert Park. Zucco produced the goods with his free kick from an acute angle lodging into their goal on forty-eight minutes. An APIA player was later red carded but that did not aid the Wolves one iota.

After four losses in succession, the Wolves concluded the league with a home victory over Sutherland Sharks. A Martinoski corner kick was not dealt with properly and a Wolves' shot came in. The ball fell to a Wolves player who squared the ball to Joseph Lavalle. He slotted home from a close in for his debut goal. A minute later, the Wolves doubled their score. Petrovski took on a defender to the right of centre and left him behind. He spied the custodian's position before curling the ball inside the post. Stand in coach Lloyd- 'It was great to get this result after four losses on the trot. The boys have got a bit of mojo back.' Petrovski – 'It was pleasing (to score). It was a good result and a good way to finish at home. We know we were in a bit of a slump, but you could not tell by the way we played today.' Shark's custodian Nathan Denham –'we just did not there at the last hurdle. . We had a lot of good wins. It is disappointing that we are not in the finals.'

As the Wolves finished in fourth position on thirty-seven points with twelve wins and one draw the team progressed to the finals. Forty-one goals were scored with thirty-nine being conceded with three nil score games. Six clean sheets were attained. The longest streak without a win was four matches

The team for Elimination Final versus Blacktown City was – Daniel Collison (GK), Jack Keating, Jacob Timpano (Capt.), Michael Robinson, Samuel Jacob, Nick Littler, Chris Nathaniel, John Martinoski, Sasho Petrovski Peter Simonoski and Ricky Zucco. Mark Picciolini and Fabien Iacovelli replaced Timpano and

Martinovski respectively. It was 1.30 kick off and five minutes after Keating was penalized with a penalty kick. Collison saved the spot kick at his second attempt with a full-length dive to prevent Blacktown City from scoring. The fifth placed team scored two goals in the first half to get a stranglehold on proceedings with a fairly strong wind blowing down the bumpy pitch. Shots from Zucco, Nick Littler and Simonoski failed to bring up the desired outcome in the first forty-five with Collison making some grand saves with Blacktown being their usual steely selves. However, three minutes into the second half, Zucco gained possession of a loose pass and had only the custodian to beat. He propelled with his left foot a shot, which flew into the goal. Lloyd- 'I was disappointed with the result. I thought we gave a good account of ourselves out there.' Timpano –'When it comes to finals football, it was always going to be on the day. It was just a battle and Blacktown came out on top.' Blacktown custodian Brody Crane - 'It was always going to be tough down here.... The wind was terrible and it made it difficult to play... I was happy to get the win.'

Players used with their number of starting and substitute appearances were – Chris Nathaniel (21), Sasho Petrovski (20+1), Daniel Collison (20), Peter Simonoski (19+3), Jacob Timpano (19), Jack Keating (19), Michael Robinson (18), Mark Picciolini (17+2), Ricky Zucco (10), John Martinoski (9+10), Cameron Littler (6+9), Sean Robertson (7+6) Fabien Iacovelli (4+12), Joseph Lavalle (2+3), Joseph Savor (2+2), Jack Madgwick (3+2), Mitchell Del Turco (3+1), Hayden Durose (1+1), Lee Gilroy (1), Dusan Kolonja (1), Mathew Floro (0+5), Daniel Munila (0+1).

Scorers were Mark Picciolini (9), Peter Simonoski (9), Ricky Zucco (8), Fabien Iacovelli (2), Michael Robinson (2), Joseph Lavalle (1), Cameron Littler (1), Nick Littler (1), John Martinoski (1), Samuel Jacob (1) and Sean Robinson (1).

Twenty-two goals were scored in the first half of matches with nineteen in the second half. The incidence of goals in a fifteen minute time frame is -1'-15'- 9, 16'-30' - 7, 31'-45' - 6, 46'-60' - 5, 61'-75' - 6, 76'-90+' - 7.

This was the final year of coach Trevor Morgan's three year tenure and a finals appearance was an achievement for the first time since 2008.

*By Malcolm Rowney*

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- 8 Brendan Griffin
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- 10 Takumu Tsujimura
- 11 Josh Macdonald
- 12 Harrison Taranto
- 13 Tomas Butkovic
- 14 Nicholas Duarte
- 15 Nick Littler
- 16 Guy Knight
- 17 James Stojcevski
- 18 Evan Ball
- 19 Jake Lavalie
- 20 Kuot Maliet
- 21 Jacob Madden
- 22 Leroy Jennings
- 24 Lachlan Scott
- 25 Nav Darjani

**Coach:** Luke Wilkshire

**Assistant Coach:** Matheus Scapin

**Senior Managers:** Chris Keller and Mark Wilkshire

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**GK Coach:** John Krajnovic



- 1 David Bradasevic (GK)
- 2 Daniel Petkovski
- 3 Lachie Griffiths
- 4 Mitchell Stamatellis
- 5 Will Mutch
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- 8 Nikola Kuleski
- 9 Bai Antoniou
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- 14 Brayden Sorge
- 15 Jamie Percevski
- 16 Mo Ahmed
- 19 Patty Savor
- 20 Matthew Marrum (GK)
- 23 Jaden Casella
- 25 Alex Masciovecchio
- 88 Chris Mcstay

**Head Coach:** Steve Zoric

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**Goalkeeper Coach:** Trinity Allen

**Head of Football:** Matthew Ribarovski

**Physio:** Michael Koutzoumis

**Stats:** Giulio Martone

**Referee:**

**Michael Weiner**

**Assistant Referees:**

**Brodie Merchant and Aaron Bloch**

**Fourth Official:**

**Logan Jones**

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# 1ST GRADE LADDER

| POS | TEAM                      | P  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|---------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Manly United FC           | 17 | 9 | 5 | 3  | 26 | 14 | 12  | 32  |
| 2   | Sydney Olympic FC         | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4  | 34 | 22 | 12  | 31  |
| 3   | APIA Leichhardt FC        | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4  | 37 | 26 | 11  | 31  |
| 4   | Blacktown City FC         | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5  | 30 | 19 | 11  | 30  |
| 5   | Marconi Stallions FC      | 17 | 8 | 6 | 3  | 38 | 28 | 10  | 30  |
| 6   | Sydney FC                 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 3  | 47 | 37 | 10  | 28  |
| 7   | Rockdale Ilinden FC       | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5  | 30 | 27 | 3   | 26  |
| 8   | Sydney United 58 FC       | 17 | 6 | 4 | 7  | 26 | 36 | -10 | 22  |
| 9   | Wollongong Wolves FC      | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7  | 29 | 29 | 0   | 18  |
| 10  | Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC | 17 | 2 | 7 | 8  | 28 | 43 | -15 | 13  |
| 11  | Sutherland Sharks FC      | 17 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 20 | 37 | -17 | 10  |
| 12  | Northbridge Bulls FC      | 17 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 24 | 51 | -27 | 8   |





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# FEATURE STORY

## GOOD NEWS BAD NEWS - PART 2

This is the second instalment of the best and worst results, hence 'good news, bad news', of the even numbered seasons. The goal scorers will be listed with some being ones to refresh the memory and others being readily recalled. In many of the biggest wins, some individual players have achieved multiple goals in a single match including four, three and two. In addition, some teams featured quite heavily with their consistent displays.

1982

The least impressive score line occurred in Round 3 at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide. West Adelaide achieved a four goal haul. The team had to wait until Round 21 for the best result, a 3-0 victory over Canberra City, when Phil O'Connor, Lee Adam with a penalty kick, and Chris Dunleavy, got onto the scorer's list.

1984

The score line of 2-1 was the most impressive one and it occurred twice, with Sydney United and Newcastle KB United being the opposition in Rounds 6 and 28. Ray Farrell and Peter Kotamanidis denied Sydney United while Glen Fontana and Phil Kerr attained in the final match of the campaign. Sydney City breached the Wolves' domain on five occasions at the Sydney Athletic Field in Round 15. The goals were struck one minute in, then on five, nine, a sixty-second minute own goal and the fifth strike on eighty-seven minutes.

1986

The teams Canterbury-Marrickville and Inter Monaro succumbed 3-1 in Rounds 3 and 4. David Batten scored a hat trick in the Round 3 and Peter Kotamanidis, Robert Giraldi and Willie Murray all achieved in the second half of the Inter Monaro fixture. Round 17 saw the Newcastle putting four past the Wolves though Pat Brodnik scored one early in proceedings.

1988

Striker Marshall Soper garnered four goals and David Ratcliffe and Danny Craine also contributed to the six goals scored against Brisbane Lions at Brandon Park in Round 10. The Lions prevented the Wolves from earning a clean sheet. In Round 18 Pat Brodnik scored for the away team who eventually

scored four in response. Footscray emerged the victors.

1990/91

With the second season of summer football, the Wolves defeated South Melbourne 2-0 in Round 6 for the highest win, while the least impressive score line of 1-4 happened on two occasions, versus South Melbourne and Sydney United in Rounds 10 and 11 respectively. A Charlie Yankos brace frustrated South Melbourne and in the return match, Richard Lloyd responded and Pat Brodnik did likewise against Sydney United.

1992/93

Two 3-0 results were the yin and yang results in the Round 8 Brisbane Strikers and Round 23 Marconi encounters. In the first foray, Richard Lloyd, Mike Smith and Grant Brad made things count while Marconi hit three at their home ground to shut out the Wolves.

1994/95

Four goals to nil were both the best and the worst result in this season. In the Round 18 West Adelaide game Mineo Bonetig, Adrian Cervinski, Vaughan Coveny and Matt Horsley attained the honours and with the reverse score Sydney Olympic reigned supreme in Round 26 and the final fixture of the season.

1996/97

A total of seven goals came in the Wollongong Wolves-Melbourne Knights match up. A brace to Sasho Dimoski with Alvin Ceccoli, Nick Josevski and Colin Luff contributing to hit their team's five goals. The Knights responded with two, both scored in the second half. South Melbourne in Round 19 worked in three goals with two in the second half for the most adverse result.

1998/99

Morwell Falcons scored first in this match to put the cat among the pigeons but a hat trick to Sasho Petrovski, an own goal, and strikes to Ray Younis and Noel Spencer put paid to the Falcons' challenge. A penalty kick conversion was Morwell's opening effort. Away to Carlton at Optus Oval, in Melbourne, the Wolves suffered a four goal defeat with two

goals conceded in each half, with nary a reply.

2000/01

A mammoth nine goal tally in Round 23 was the most goals that the Wolves has scored in a single match but four were conceded and this did not make coach Ron Corry happy, with three being achieved in the last four minutes of the match. Sasho Petrovski scored a treble, Scott Chipperfield and Stuart Young each attained a brace while Paul Reid and Ben Blake scored single goals. It was 5-0 at half time. South Melbourne scored a 4-2 victory in Round 9 with three goals in the second half. Scott Chipperfield and Paul Reid each scored in a different half.

2002/03

In Round 13 Melbourne Knights were served up four goals by the Wolves in a good display, though a clean sheet was not a bonus, as the Knights scored

one. Stuart Young attained a treble with his first on seven minutes. Alex Castro added the third of the four. Eight rounds later, Perth Glory carved up to score six goals, though Shane Lyons spoiled their for and against, goaling in the twenty-sixth minute.

2004/05

The Wolves rounded out the this season with a five goal thrashing of Sydney Crescent Star at Lidcombe Oval with the Wolves' top scorer and NSW Golden Boot winner in Shane McGirr scoring all five goals with his first coming a minute in. The others eventuated in the seventh, seventy-sixth, eighty-second and eighty- eighth minutes. However, in the opening game of the season, the team crashed 1-4 to Bonnyrigg White Eagles with Michael Clare attaining the Wolves' consolation.

2006

A brace to Ballamodou Conde, together with achievements by Steve Hayes and Tony Perenich



was the bright part of the season over Parramatta at Melita Stadium in Round 7. In the subsequent match, it all went pear shaped when Blacktown City struck six, with two thirds of the goals emanating in the second half. Kurt Saterdag pulled one back for the Wolves to deny the teams' blushes.

2008

A high tally of seven goals saw the team in tune versus Macarthur Rams in Round 15. Five goals were scored in the second half by Matt Bailey, Chris Price, Steve Hayes plus an own goal. Ilija Prenzowski did not only score one in the second but also hit two in the first half for a hat trick. In Round 2, Sydney Olympic hit four with nil in response with all goals emanating in the first half.

2010

A home win in the penultimate round saw the Wolves humbling West Sydney Berries 5-0 with a Mark Piccolini brace, with Samet Kaynak, Chris Nathaniel and Tynan Diaz netting as well. Sutherland Sharks in Round 14 struck three against the Wolves with one in the first half.

2012

Two 0-4 defeats were posted in Rounds 11 and 20 versus Sutherland Sharks and Blacktown City while the top result was 3-0 over Rockdale City Suns in Round 3 when Fabian Iacovelli hit a brace in the last two minutes of the match while Nick Littler goaled sixteen minutes earlier.

2014

An opening round 0-5 defeat occurred versus Blacktown City but a six goal haul with one in reply over Manly United in Round 8 took the honours. Jordan Murray was on song with a brace together with Peter Simonoski, Ricky Zucco, Matt Bailey, and Sam Matthews as the other goal scorers. Blacktown scored three in the first half and two more later.

2016

In two succeeding rounds the Wolves had the good and bad times of the season. In Round 7 Blacktown City kept up their winning momentum over the

Wolves when they won 3-0 and in the Round 8 Sutherland Sharks fixture, a 3-1 winning result was posted with Nicolas Bernal earning a brace and Darcy Madden scoring the other. Sutherland had a late response. Another 3-0 defeat was suffered at the hands of Rockdale City Suns in Round 14.

2018

The team had to wait until the final round of the season for the best result and best performance, this being a 3-0 win against Marconi Stallions at Marconi Stadium and it was a hat trick to Peter Simonoski, with one goal emanating in the first half and two in the second. The week before, it was a different result totally as the team crashed 0-4 to Sydney Olympic with the visitors scoring in the thirty-seventh, forty-eighth, seventy-ninth and ninety plus one minutes.

2020

The team scored the highest tally of five goals in this final round of the truncated season due to the pandemic. It was in Round 11 and Marcus Beattie notched a treble against Manly United with Josh Bingham achieving a brace. In Round 7 versus Rockdale Ilinden it was a 3-1 loss, with Thomas James getting the consolation goal.

A score line of 6-1 was the most prevalent best result across these even years while 0-4 was the result that cropped up the most in the least impressive category. This has been the 'good news, bad news'.

By Malcolm Rowney





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- 6 Nicholas Kalule
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- 8 Luke Dearsley
- 9 Denim Nou
- 10 Nico Duarte
- 11 Josh Fields
- 12 Michael Manyoun

Coch: Aaron Kellaway  
Assistant Coach: Juan Chazaretta  
Manager: Warren McWhirter  
GK Coach: John Krajnovic



- Lucas Ramirez  
Kristopher Jovanovski  
Jason Cakovski  
Dylan Sacco  
James Tanoski  
Jake Mendez  
Ryan James  
Adam Manoski  
Kayde Richards  
Marcus Aneviski  
Alex Casella  
Phillip Dimitriev  
Harry Skotadis  
Dean Siadaresi  
Paul Soravia  
Rahim Kamara  
Vincent Fedele

Coch: Adrian Meneses  
Assistant Coach: Alejandro Araujo

# U20 LADDER

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|-----|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Blacktown City FC         | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1  | 39 | 9  | 30  | 36  |
| 2   | Sydney FC                 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 2  | 39 | 14 | 25  | 32  |
| 3   | Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC | 14 | 10 | 2 | 2  | 47 | 24 | 23  | 32  |
| 4   | Wollongong Wolves FC      | 17 | 8  | 4 | 5  | 29 | 22 | 7   | 28  |
| 5   | Sydney Olympic FC         | 15 | 7  | 2 | 6  | 23 | 20 | 3   | 23  |
| 6   | Marconi Stallions FC      | 16 | 7  | 2 | 7  | 26 | 26 | 0   | 23  |
| 7   | Northbridge Bulls FC      | 17 | 7  | 2 | 8  | 22 | 30 | -8  | 23  |
| 8   | Manly United FC           | 16 | 6  | 1 | 9  | 21 | 24 | -3  | 19  |
| 9   | APIA Leichhardt FC        | 17 | 4  | 5 | 8  | 25 | 35 | -10 | 17  |
| 10  | Sutherland Sharks FC      | 17 | 5  | 2 | 10 | 18 | 36 | -18 | 17  |
| 11  | Rockdale Ilinden FC       | 17 | 3  | 5 | 9  | 25 | 44 | -19 | 14  |
| 12  | Sydney United 58 FC       | 17 | 3  | 0 | 14 | 16 | 46 | -30 | 9   |

# GOLDEN BOOT TALLY

| Name (Team)                           | Goals |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Roy O'Donovan (Sydney Olympic)        | 16    |
| Alec Urosevski (Rockdale Ilinden)     | 16    |
| Jaiden Kucharski (Sydney FC)          | 15    |
| Marko Jesic (Marconi)                 | 14    |
| Jason Romero (APIA)                   | 10    |
| Sean Symons (APIA)                    | 10    |
| Lachlan Scott (Wollongong Wolves)     | 10    |
| Bruno Mendes (Manly United)           | 10    |
| Adrian Segecic (Sydney FC)            | 9     |
| Jack Stewart (Mt Druitt Town Rangers) | 9     |
| Jordan Smylie (Blacktown City)        | 8     |
| Chris Payne (Sydney United 58)        | 8     |



## NEXT ROUND FIXTURES

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| <b>MT DRUITT TOWN RANGERS FC VS<br/>WOLLONGONG WOLVES FC</b><br>7:00 PM / FRI 8 JUL<br>POPONDETTA PARK |
| <b>MANLY UNITED FC VS<br/>BLACKTOWN CITY FC</b><br>3:00 PM / SAT 9 JUL<br>CROMER PARK                  |
| <b>SYDNEY OLYMPIC FC VS<br/>SYDNEY FC</b><br>4:00 PM / SAT 9 JUL<br>BELMORE SPORTS GROUND              |

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| <b>APIA LEICHHARDT FC VS<br/>NORTHBRIDGE BULLS FC</b><br>5:30 PM / SAT 9 JUL<br>LAMBERT PARK                     |
| <b>SYDNEY UNITED 58 FC VS<br/>MARCONI STALLIONS FC</b><br>3:00 PM / SUN 10 JUL<br>SYDNEY UNITED SPORTS CENTRE    |
| <b>ROCKDALE ILINDEN FC VS<br/>SUTHERLAND SHARKS FC</b><br>4:00 PM / SUN 10 JUL<br>ROCKDALE ILINDEN SPORTS CENTRE |

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| <b>Fri, 25th Mar</b>               | 7:30 PM | Sydney Olympic FC         | <b>R4</b>  |
| <b>Fri, 22nd Apr</b>               | 7:30 PM | Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC | <b>R8</b>  |
| <b>Fri, 6th May</b>                | 7:30 PM | Blacktown City FC         | <b>R10</b> |
| <b>Sun, 22nd May</b>               | 3:00 PM | Sydney United 58          | <b>R10</b> |
| <i>Albert Butler Memorial Park</i> |         |                           |            |
| <b>Fri, 27th May</b>               | 7:30 PM | Northbridge Bulls FC      | <b>R13</b> |
| <b>Fri, 17th Jun</b>               | 7:30 PM | APIA Leichhardt FC        | <b>R16</b> |
| <b>Sat, 25th Jun</b>               | 6:00 PM | Manly United FC           | <b>R17</b> |
| <b>Fri, 1st Jul</b>                | 7:30 PM | Rockdale Ilinden FC       | <b>R18</b> |
| <b>Fri, 15th Jul</b>               | 7:30 PM | Marconi Stallions FC      | <b>R20</b> |
| <b>Sun, 31st Jul</b>               | 3:00 PM | Sutherland Sharks FC      | <b>R22</b> |



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